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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Questions from the Director's Appearance  
Before the Subcommittee on Government  
Information and Individual Rights

1. Reference is made to specific questions of the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights. The Office of Security response to questions numbered 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 17, and 18 are contained herein as follows:

2. Question #1: "What is the number (estimate) of names of Americans on file in the various information systems of the Agency?"

No actual count has ever been made, and it is not considered possible to provide more than a general estimate. As of April 1975 in the Office of Security there were approximately 1,856,000 index records and approximately 805,000 subject files on individuals. Officials familiar with the materials have estimated that approximately 60% of the index records and the security files are concerned with U.S. citizens. It is noted that of the names included in the index records a number are duplicates, so that the actual number of individuals concerned would be much less than the indicated figure.

3. Question #4: "Provide list of Federal Government agencies and departments which receive information from CIA on Americans."

Those Federal agencies conducting investigations under the authority of Executive Order 10450 are provided limited access to Office of Security information pertaining to American citizens. The information is provided as a result of an inquiry concerning a name of specific legitimate interest to a particular federal agency. The CIA is a part of the overall

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federal program in which investigative information is made available to interested agencies to avoid duplication of effort and unnecessary expense.

Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a list of some 50 federal agencies or departments which may submit requests for CIA information. It should be noted that this list is perhaps not all-inclusive but identifies those agencies most likely to contact this Agency.

4. Question #5: "Provide an accounting of what kind of information on Americans has been shared with what state or local government agencies and when and whether or not that information is still in the possession of those agencies."

Information contained in Office of Security file resources is normally not provided to any state or local government agency. Exceptions to this rule might include cooperation with police authorities in an instance involving an activity by a CIA employee of interest to a state or local government agency. It should also be noted that limited information might be provided during the routine investigation of CIA employees or CIA applicants conducted by Office of Security investigators.

5. Question #8: "Provide a list of what materials were destroyed."

Reference is made to the Office of Security memorandum to your Office dated 27 June 1975 entitled "Purging and/or Destruction of Office of Security Files," which it is believed answers this particular question. A copy of this memorandum is attached hereto as Exhibit II.

6. Question #9: "Of the material destroyed, what other agencies had received copies of that material?"

Insofar as is known, no other government agencies have been furnished copies of any information contained in the destroyed material.

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7. Question #10: "Provide memoranda and records pertinent to the destruction of the foregoing records."

Reference is again made to the Office of Security memorandum to your Office dated 27 June 1975 entitled "Purging and/or Destruction of Office of Security Files." In addition, attached to this memorandum as Exhibit III is a portion of a memorandum previously prepared by the Office of Security which pertains to the purging and destruction of various files.

8. Question #17: "Request information on whether there has been any mail cover since March 1973."

Since March 1973 there were two mail covers, both prior to August 1973. One was a continuation of a mail cover initiated in 1972 and the other was a mail cover for a short period of time in July 1973.

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